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function where there is an inherent delay in the transfer process, comprising the steps of:

detecting the initiation of user input and then immediately initiating the transfer.

19. A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein user input is performed by depressing a user depressible key.

20. A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising the step of discriminating an instantaneous depression of the key from a continuous depression of the key.

21. A method of changing operational modes of a touch entry user input device substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as shown in the drawings.